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FRANCIS ACHILLE BAZAINE (1811-1888)

A French Marshal. Won distinction by his services in Algeria, in Crimean War, in Spain and Italian Campaign (1859). Engaged in French Expedition to Mexico (1862) and in 1863 held supreme command of their forces. Was at head of 3rd Army Corps near METZ at declaration of war with Germany. Had fores in Franco-Prussian War. Retreated to Metz where he

surrendered after all attempts to escape  
proved futile.

1870/1871

Surrendered Oct. 27 with 173,000 men  
3 marshals and 6,000 officers became prisoners  
of War.

Accused of being a Traitor by the voice of  
the Nation was tried by Court-martial  
and sentenced to death. Was commuted  
to 30 yrs imprisonment on Isle of

St Marguerite. He escaped Aug. 1874  
going to Madrid where he died 1888